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Like our readers, the staff of *Montana Outdoors* marvels at the talent, artistry, discipline, and creativity required to produce the remarkable images featured in this 35th edition of our annual photo issue. We wondered what it must be like for a photographer to have an image selected from the more than 2,000 submitted to us each year. I made a few calls.

John Warner of Billings, 58 (see his photo on page 33), has worked as a photojournalist for the *Billings Gazette* and the *Indianapolis Star* during his 35 years as a professional photographer. "There's something about being featured in a glossy, high-quality magazine like yours," he says. "I've been fortunate to be published worldwide, but when the *Montana Outdoors* photo issue shows up and I see one of my photos in there, I think to myself, 'I've still got it.'"

Whitefish photographer Chuck Haney, 54 (photo on page 31), has published 15 books of photography and seen his work on more than 200 magazine covers nationwide. Why would he care whether his shot showed up in a state agency publication's annual photo celebration? "I love your magazine," he says. "It still means a lot to me to see one of my photos in among the best of the best that you run in your photo issue."

News of being selected is even more exciting for younger, less-established photographers. Kelly Peacock, 39, manages

a real estate office in western Washington and visits Montana any chance she gets. "I was thrilled," she says of learning that her shot of a mule deer drinking from a river (opposite page) was picked, making it her first published photograph. "I love your magazine because it showcases the beauty of Montana," she says.

For one photographer, having a shot selected for our photo issue actually reaffirmed a life decision. Six years ago, Helena photographer and fourth-generation Montanan Nicole Keintz underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor. Surviving the traumatic experience emboldened her to make a major career move. "Ever since high school I've loved photography, but I was always too insecure to ever try it as a profession," says Keintz, 37. "After my surgery, I realized that life is unpredictable and you often don't get a second chance. But I did, and that inspired me to stop being afraid and embrace this thing I've loved for so long."

Keintz's impressionistic time-lapse photo of a flowering crab apple tree appears on page 18. "I want my photographs to show Montana in a whole new way, and this shot was the first time it all came together in the camera," she says. "I can't tell you what it means to me to share it with everyone else. I'm excited beyond words."

As the people who get to show off the work of Nicole and other extraordinary photographers each year, we are too.

—Tom Dickson, *Editor*

KELLY PEACOCK

Above: Young mule deer buck at Fishercap Lake, Glacier National Park

JAIME and LISA JOHNSON

Cover: Pileated woodpecker, near Lincoln



BECCA WOOD

Left: Mountain bluebird, Paradise Valley





Clockwise from far left:

BRETT SWAIN

Bighorn ram on a vertical cliff, Glacier National Park

JOHN R. SHARKEY

Mountain goat on a cliff, Canyon Ferry Lake

JOHN LAMBING

Frozen Palisade Falls "flowing" over columnar basalt in the Hyalite Basin, near Bozeman







ELIZABETH MOORE

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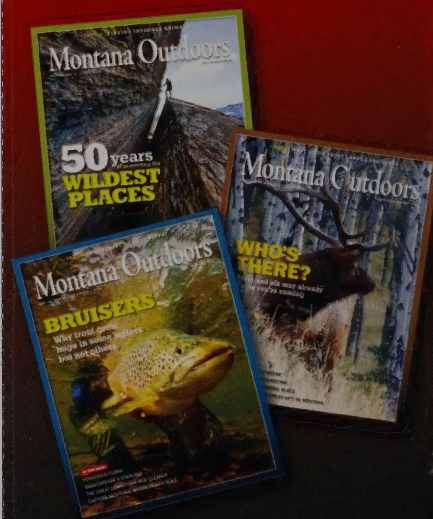
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Opposite page, clockwise from top left:

DICK WALKER

Ruffed grouse, Red Rock Lakes
National Wildlife Refuge

NELSON KENTER

Ruffed grouse in a tree on a frosty
morning, near Thompson Falls

ZACK CLOTHIER

Young spruce grouse, Flathead County

TIM CHRISTIE

Ruffed grouse

BOB MARTINKA

Above: Sky and forest reflection
in a spruce grouse's eye.

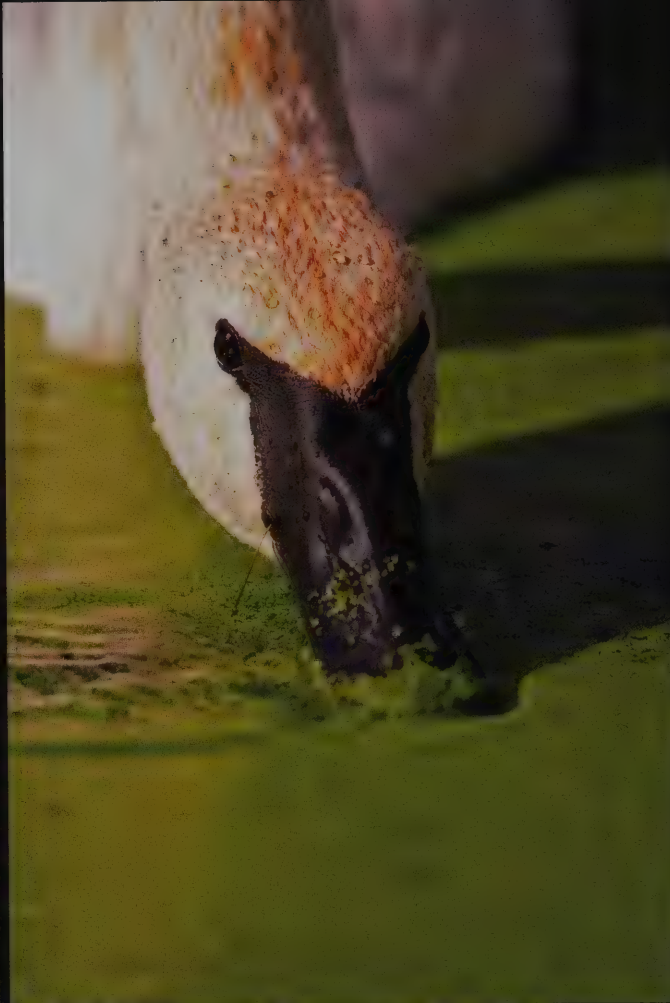


BARBARA HAUZINGER

A stormy and dry summer
over Wilsall



SEAN R. HEAVEY
Storm system over Glasgow



WES UNCAPHER

Above left: Trumpeter swan
feeding on duckweed



TOM ULRICH

Below left: Painted turtle
emerging from a pond surface
covered in duckweed

STEVEN AKRE

Above right: Rainbow trout hidden by reflection, Giant Springs State Park

LINNET LONG

Below right: Autumn water lily, Lily Lake near Wisdom





TONY BYNUM

Above: Bull moose

TIM RUBBERT

Below: Moose calves,
Glacier National Park

ERIK PETERSEN

Right: Bison resting in
a field north of Gardiner









Clockwise from opposite page:

ROLAND TAYLOR

Hoodoo at Holé in the Wall,
White Cliffs of the Missouri

CRAIG MILLER

Swift fox with prey,
Phillips County

DONNA WATSON LAWSON

Black-tailed prairie dog, Greycliff
Prairie Dog Town State Park

ERIK PETERSEN

Small soapweed yucca blooming
at Medicine Rocks State Park





PATRICK CLAYTON

Left: Yellowstone cutthroat trout in a stream in the Beartooth Plateau

JEREMIE HOLLMAN

Above: Paddlefish from the lower Yellowstone River near Sidney

JEREMIE HOLLMAN

Below: Best friends with northern pike, northwestern Montana





TYLER ESAU

Above: Coyote, near
West Yellowstone

ELIZABETH BOEHM

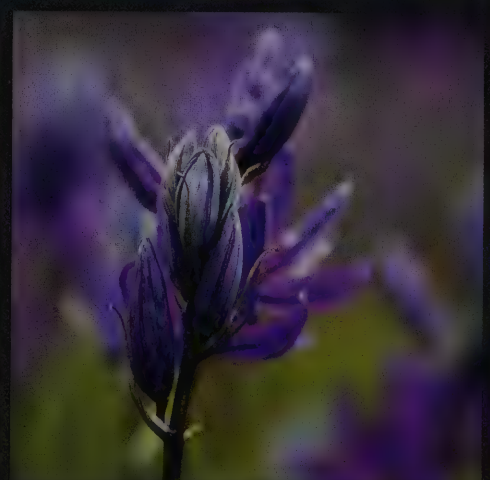
Right: Coyote pup,
Red Rock Lakes
National Wildlife Refuge

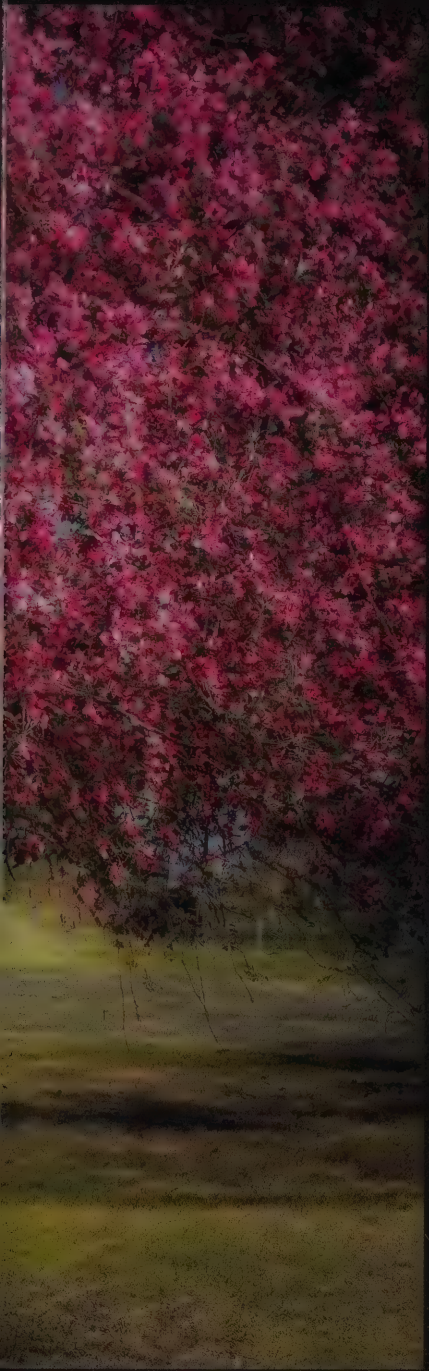
DONALD M. JONES

Opposite page:
Mountain lion









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NICOLE KEINTZ

Multiple-exposure image
of a flowering crab apple
tree, Helena

TOM ULRICH

Veined meadowrite

STEVE MITCHELL

Trillium flowers blooming
at Bear Creek, Flathead
National Forest

LAURA VERHAEGHE

Asters near Twin Lakes,
Bitterroot National Forest

CHRIS MCGOWAN

Water lily bloom,
Holland Lake

AMY J. BULGER

Camas flower bud ready
to bloom, near Lolo

LINNET LONG

Pink phlox blooming
beside milky quartz,
on Silica Butte

SARAH CHERRY

Rose hips holding the
morning dew, near
Wood Lake





CHRIS MCGOWAN

Aurora borealis over
Freezeout Lake





KARL KRIEGER

Above: Bull elk, Charles M.
Russell National Wildlife
Refuge

ADDIE AHERN

Right: Elk calves in a nursery
group with a watchful cow
near Choteau





JOHN C. CARUSO

Left: Bull elk choir at the
National Bison Range,
near Moiese

VICTOR SCHENDEL

Below: Bull elk reflection
in a stream





JOHN ASHLEY

Top: Female osprey
on her nest at sunset

SUMIO HARADA

Above: Reynolds Creek Fire at
night, Glacier National Park



ZACK CLOTHIER

Above: Red skies at dawn over the Saint Mary River, just outside the boundary of Glacier National Park

SHAWN T. STEWART

Below: Common snipe
bathing, Carbon County

CAROL POLICH

Bottom: Sandhill cranes,
Park County

GAIL MOSER

Right: Horned lark,
Helena valley

CINDY GOEDEL

Opposite page: Long-billed
curlew at Red Rock Lakes
National Wildlife Refuge







Opposite page, clockwise from top left:

KURTIS ZINGER

Above left: Hornets' nest,
Cabinet Mountain Wilderness

JOHN CARLSON

Bumblebee on thistle,
Little Belt Mountains

STEVEN AKRE

Above right: Swarm
of honeybees

JOHN WINNIE JR.

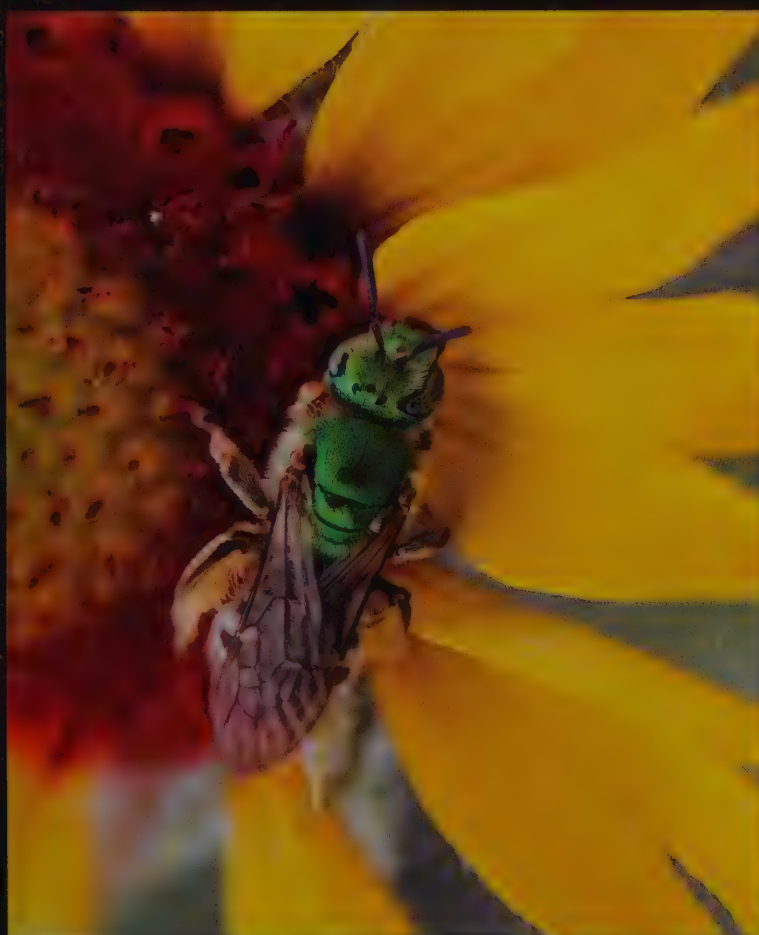
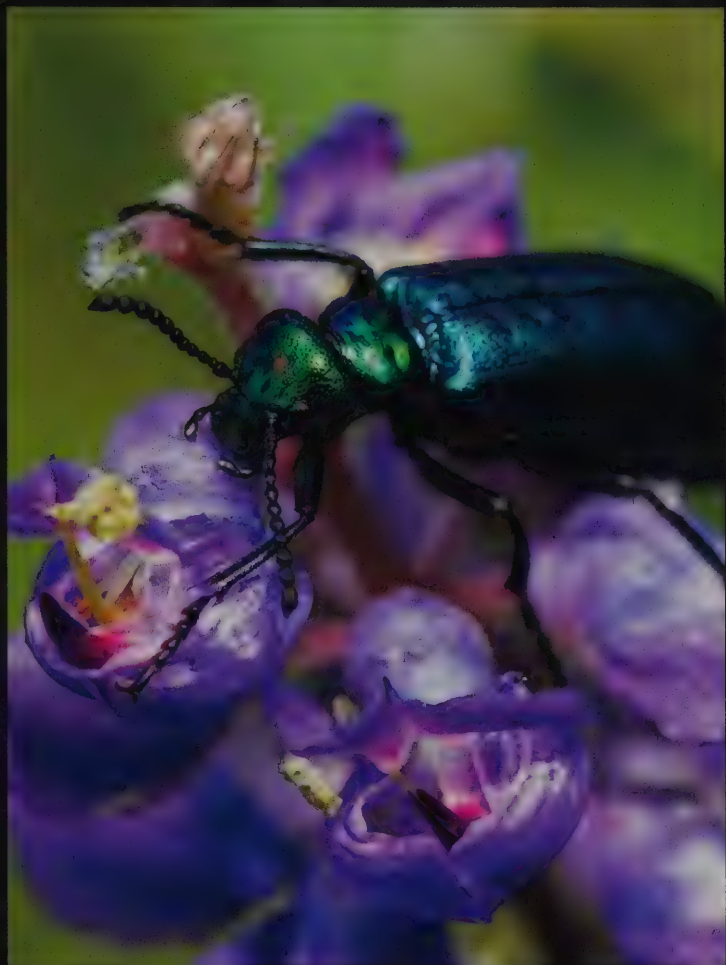
Beetle on lupine,
Bridger Range

MICHAEL McCANN

Bumblebee, near Billings

DEE LINNELL BLANK

Unidentified fly on flower





BEN PIERCE
Above left: Red-tailed hawk,
 north of Belgrade

DONALD M. JONES
Left: Red fox sleeping



CHUCK HANEY

Above: Coal Creek,
near Polebridge

DICK EVANS

*Right: Wild mustangs
spar in the Pryor Mountains*

CHRIS AUCH

*Below: Merriam's wild turkey
toms, western Montana*





JOHN WARNER

Above: American robins
above a field of wildflowers,
eastern Montana

PAUL N. QUENEAU

Left: Pronghorn bucks,
western Montana





CATHRINE L. WALTERS

Above: Atop Iceberg Peak,
Glacier National Park

CRAIG MOORE

Left: Snowboarder
and skier soaring off
cliffs, near Whitefish

KENTON ROWE

Opposite page: Kayaking





Clockwise from above:

STEVE McMORRAN

Whitetail doe and fawn in
a field near Lake Helena

TOM REICHNER

Whitetail buck

JIM HERRLY

Whitetail doe and fawns
near Three Forks

SHANNA MAE SWANSON

Whitetail fawn in tall grass,
Madison Valley

ROD SCHLECHT

Mule deer buck and cowbird,
Missoula Mountains





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JOHN JURACEK

Above left: Autumn leaf detail,
West Yellowstone

THOMAS BUTTS

Above: Reflection of forest in a
water droplet on Oregon grape leaf,
Scapegoat Wilderness

MARK LAGERSTROM

Left: Arrowleaf fern fall foliage



Top row, left to right:

ALLEN HAY

Morning dew on reeds,
near Missoula

TOM PATRICK

Maple leaves and pine needles
among cracks in a rock,
northwestern Montana

VICKI CORREIA

Frost on an oak leaf

SAMUEL VEICH BUSSEY

Below: Black bear, Salish Mountains





JASON SAVAGE

Passing storm
and rainbow over
flagstones, Rocky
Mountain Front



JR McCURDIE

Panorama of the Milky
Way over smoke,
illuminated by forest fire,
Glacier National Park



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ERIC HEIDLE

Shadow puppets on a Smith River float trip, Little Belt Mountains



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